Tourists from neighbouring countries

102. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourist traffic to India from the neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Burma has declined during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of tourist traffic to India during the last two years, country-wise; and

(d) what steps Government are contemplating to encourage more tourists from the above countries?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The number of tourists from Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Burma who visited India during 1985 and 1986 alongwith the percentage change are as given below:

	1985	1986	Percntage Change
Pakistan	150,126	166,766	11.1
Sri Lanka	69,063	70,240(E)	1.7
Bangladesh	272,350	204·260(E)	—25 0
Burma	1,171	460(E)	—60.7

(E) Estimated

Political and economic conditions prevailing in these countries have a bearing on the tourist traffic from them.

(d) The Government has already signed a protocol on tourism exchange between Pakistan and India. Joint marketing plans with countries of the South Asian region who are members of the World Tourism Organisation or the Pacific Asia Travel Association are also being contemplated for improving tourist traffic to India.

Panel to study condition of Agricultural Labour

103. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed any panel to study conditions of agricultural labour and to suggest measures for their welfare:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the panel is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two Sub-Committees of the Members of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Labour have been constituted for the purpose of studying and reporting on the problems of un-organised workers in (a) agricultural sector and (b) non-agricultural sector. The details of the Sub-Committees are mentioned in the enclosed statements I and II (*See below*).

(c) The term of both the Sub-Committees was for a period of two months i.e. up to 16th Feb. 1987. However, the Sub-Committees have sought further extension.